

FRANK J. GOULD BUYS BELLE ISLE

Millionaire Acquires Controlling Interest in Old Dominion Plant

ENLARGE WORKS: INCREASE OUTPUT

Much of the Manufactured Product Can be Used by Mr. Gould's Street Railways. Plant Was Established Many Years Before the War.

IS NOW SPEEDING BACK TO CAPITAL

Mr. Roosevelt, on Way From
World's Fair, Makes Addresses
to Enthusiastic Crowds.

MEN THROW STONES AT PILOT

Woman in Indiana Who Insisted
on Seeing President Placed
Under Arrest

(By Associated Press)
RICHMOND, IND., November 23.—After a sojourn of two days in St. Louis President Roosevelt is now speeding toward Washington, where his special train is scheduled to arrive at 7 o'clock A. M.

to-morrow. The President, Mrs. Roosevelt and all the members of the party are congratulating themselves upon the success of the trip, which was regarded by many with serious apprehension. President Roosevelt has expressed his perfect satisfaction with the arrangements made.

Texas Steer for a Pet.
One woman was taken in charge by the crowd, and she was taken to the Thompson residence, where she was taken to the Thompson residence.

Woman Arrested.

After trying to force her way into the residence of William H. Thompson, for the express purpose of painting the picture of President Roosevelt, Miss Maria Herndl said to be glass-painter from

Munich, Germany, but claiming to occupy studio quarters in Milwaukee, Wis., has been arrested by secret service men. She appeared to be about thirty-eight years old and was fairly well dressed and showed

refinement. She walked up the steps, rang the bell and explained to the butler in broken English after giving him her card, that she had written to the President a week ago that she intended to call upon him during his St. Louis visit and paint his picture on glass.

Detective Vlehle, of the secret service, seized and led her down the steps. He sought to persuade her to return to her stopping place but persuasion availed

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ERA OF LAWLESSNESS IN AMERICAN CITIES

Judge Speer Says Prevalence of Crime Is Greater Here Than in Europe

(By Associated Press.)
SAVANNAH, GA., Nov. 25.—Judge Emory Speer, of the United States District Court in charging the grand jury

to what he characterizes as the lawlessness existing in all sections of the country. He rages at Statesboro which is in his

jurisdiction and suggested that the better class of whites and blacks in the South should hold conferences looking to the enforcement of law and the punishment of the guilty. He severely criticized the

The widely known and valuable plant of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works in successful operation for nearly a century, is about to change hands again. A majority of the stock of the corporation owning and operating the plant has just been purchased by Mr. Frank J. Gould, millionaire son of the late Jay Gould, and a man extensively interested in the operation of trolley lines and railways in and near this city and at other points. While no official announcement of the sale has been made, it is understood that Mr. Gould has purchased the manufacturing plant, the stock of the corporation, and is endeavoring to secure the scattered shares. There is no doubt that he has become the owner of the controlling interest in the great manufacturing plant, which for so many years has been a prominent factor in the industrial life of the city.

Mr. Gould himself is expected in the city in a few days, and it is probable that official announcement will then be made of the purchase. The purchase price of the stock is known to the sellers, of course, but has not yet been ascertained. It will not be until the negotiations have been consummated. The purchase was made from a syndicate, of which John L. Williams & Sons were the principal stockholders, they having bought the plant less than two years ago from the company that for many years prior to that time owned and successfully operated the

An Extensive Plant.

The Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works are situated on Henric Island in a large inlet in James River, just above the head of navigation. The plant consists of a puddle mill, two bar mills, a plate mill, a horseshoe factory, nail mill and other departments. The products of which have for years found ready sale in the United States. The annual output was about 45,000 tons of iron and iron products annually. No manufacturing plant in the State has finer or more ample water power. The plant also has direct railway connections, affording ample facilities for shipment of its products. The plant is operated by means of water power. Seven large turbine wheels harness and utilize the water power. Other portions of the plant are operated by steam. The company has extensive offices and buildings on the island, with railway and telephone connection with the city. The plant in full operation employs about eight hundred men.

The works were established about thirty years before the war, and during the war the plant was utilized to manufacture ordnance supplies for the Confederate Government. It was one of the largest arsenals for Federal soldiers. The plant represented an investment of about \$300,000 in its inception, and many enlargements and improvements have been made since that time, that add greatly to the value of the works. The plant has been thoroughly modernized since the war, and is now equipped in the best manner.

Can Use the Products.

It is understood that it is the purpose of Mr. Gould to operate this plant actively, and to increase its output. It will be utilized to manufacture supplies for the railway lines with which Mr. Gould is connected. As he is the principal owner of one of the lines of the Virginia Traction and Power Company, and allied trolley lines properties of this city and section, and is identified with extensive railway interests in various sections of the country, he can operate the plant to great advantage, taking a large proportion of the product for his own use.

The purchase of the big plant by the Gould interests may ultimately mean, not merely an enlargement of the output of the plant, but also a change in its character. There is no intimation from authoritative sources on this point, the plant is admirably adapted for steel making. The construction of an open hearth steel plant was a dream of the late Superintendent Blankenship, whose promising career was cut short by his tragic death last year. Certainly the prospective new owner of the plant has ample capital with which to operate it and, as he is bringing in a new investment, there is no reason to expect that he will greatly revise and expand its scope and products. When Mr. Gould visits this city he will probably outline his plans for the future of the establishment.

SUPPORTS CONTENTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—The case of the United States vs. F. G. Evans, owner of the British steamship Blackheath, was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States to-day in support of the contentions of the government, thus reversing the decision of the District Court for the Southern District of Alabama. The proceedings against the Blackheath was instituted to collect damages on account of the destruction of a beacon light in Mobile harbor. The question involved was that of the jurisdiction of the court sitting as an admiralty court, which the court sustained.

Judge Freeman Changes.
(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, TEX., Nov. 28.—Judge T. J. Freeman, chief counsel for the Texas and Pacific railroad, resigned to become chief counsel for the "Cotton Belt," with headquarters in St. Louis. Judge Freeman's successor has not yet been announced.